



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

H. No. 6445

BY REPRESENTATIVE ROMAN, PER COMMITTEE REPORT NO. 256

**AN ACT DECLARING PILIS FALLS IN BARANGAY PALILI,
MUNICIPALITY OF SAMAL, PROVINCE OF BATAAN
AN ECOTOURISM SITE AND APPROPRIATING FUNDS
THEREFOR**

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the
Philippines in Congress assembled:*

1 SECTION 1. This Act shall be known as the "Pilis Falls
2 Ecotourism Act".

3 SEC. 2. It is hereby declared the policy of the State to promote
4 a tourism industry that is ecologically sustainable, responsible,
5 participative, culturally sensitive, economically viable and equitably
6 beneficial to local communities.

7 SEC. 3. The Pilis Falls in Barangay Palili, Municipality of
8 Samal, Province of Bataan is hereby declared an ecotourism site. Its
9 development shall be prioritized by the Department of Tourism
10 (DOT) and shall be subject to the rules and regulations governing
11 the development of ecotourism sites.

12 The DOT shall prepare and incorporate the development plan
13 for Pilis Falls in the overall National Tourism Development Plan
14 (NTDP), pursuant to Republic Act No. 9593, otherwise known as

1 "The Tourism Act of 2009". The plan shall be implemented jointly
2 by the municipal government of Samal, the local Protected Area
3 Management Board (PAMB), the Bataan National Park (BNP) and
4 the Tourism Infrastructure and Enterprise Zone Authority (TIEZA).

5 The DOT, in coordination with the municipal government of
6 Samal, the local PAMB, BNP, TIEZA and other concerned agencies
7 of the government, shall identify well-defined geographic areas
8 within the Pilis Falls ecotourism site and coordinate the integrated
9 development of these areas, including existing infrastructure and
10 facilities, for the optimum utilization of natural assets and
11 attractions: *Provided*, That the development to be undertaken shall
12 ensure the preservation of the scenery and the historic significance
13 of the identified tourist attractions.

14 SEC. 4. The Secretary of the DOT shall include in the
15 Department's program the implementation of this Act, the funding
16 of which shall be included in the annual General Appropriations Act
17 and from internally generated funds of the DOT.

18 SEC. 5. Within sixty (60) days from the effectivity of this Act,
19 the Secretary of the DOT, in consultation with the municipal
20 government of Samal, the local PAMB, BNP, TIEZA and other
21 tourism stakeholders, shall promulgate the necessary rules and
22 regulations for the proper implementation of this Act.

23 SEC. 6. All laws, executive orders, presidential decrees, rules
24 and regulations and other issuances contrary to or inconsistent with
25 this Act shall be deemed repealed or modified accordingly.

26 SEC. 7. This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
27 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general
28 circulation.

Approved,